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The Thuringian ball bearing factory at Zella-Mehlis produced about 4 million balls for ball bearings in November 1953. Production of the various types of bearings was at the same rate as formerly. Material shortages however are making a reduction of production necessary, and are likely to result in dismissals of some employees. Men are now employed in overhauling the automatic machines that are not being used.

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